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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know whether there is a canteen attached to the colony and what arrangements have been made for the supply of food to in-patients and their relatives who reside in the colony?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, notice of a separate question may be given."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Sir, I am very much in ignorance about the colony. May I ask the Hon. the Minister for Public Health to let us know what exactly is the object of this colony, and how the patients are to be benefited by this colony?"

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" This is not a supplementary question."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, relapse occurs in the case of many patients discharged from the Tuberculosis Sanatorium when they go back to their old conditions of life and work. This colony is meant for the after-care of patients."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" Sir, may I know where this colony is situated?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is situated in Tambaram itself on the side opposite to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium."

Physical Therapy section in the Madras General Hospital.

* 48 *Q.*—DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Physical Therapy section was opened in the Madras General Hospital;

(*b*) whether it is well-equipped, if not, why;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to equip it properly;

(*d*) whether the Madras Medical College is training undergraduates and post-graduates in rehabilitating the handicapped; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of patients treated up to date and the diseases for which physical therapy and rehabilitation treatment were given?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) It was opened in 1934.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The section is tquipped for the treatment of ordinary cases. A proposal for providing the section with further equipment is under consideration.

" (*d*) Under-graduates are given training in the rehabilitation of cases along with their training in Orthopædics. No training in the speciality is given to post-graduates.

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" (e) From the 14th November 1950 up to the end of September 1953, 4,614 patients were treated. The usual diseases treated are paralysis resulting from interior poliomyelitis and some nerve diseases and rehabilitation after fracture and diseases of joints."

Dr. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" Sir, may I know whether this section is in charge of a specialist, and if so, what are his qualifications?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, this section forms part of Orthopædics Department. We have got very good specialists in this department."

Abolition of the Board of Revenue.

* 43 Q.—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to abolish the Board of Revenue and the date, if any, fixed for abolition of the same?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government carefully considered a proposal to transfer the functions of the Board of Revenue to Divisional or Regional Commissioners and it was found on the whole better to maintain the Board of Revenue as it is for certain functions and give each of the members territorial responsibility in respect of functions other than those requiring joint consultation. This schome is being worked out in detail."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know if there is any proposal to increase the number of members of the Board of Revenue on account of this rearrangement?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" So far as I am aware, no, Sir."

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" Sir, may I know whether the present arrangement, that is, distribution of work according to subjects among the members, is faulty or useless?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is felt that a more speedy disposal of territorial matters is necessary."

Sri M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" Sir, instead of making slight rearrangements, have the Government considered any proposal to totally abolish the Board of Revenue?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This Government and previous Governments have been considering it from time to time. My own view is that it is not really good to abolish the Board of Revenue as a whole. Collectors are very important officials and the Government may take care of them. But, the Government cannot because it is not